

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the subject patent application.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 47. (Cancelled)

48. (Currently amended) A label printer for printing, said label printer comprising:

at least one print head; and

a cutting mechanism;

wherein, when the label printer is operated, the at least one print head ~~arranged to print~~ prints an image, wherein the at least one print head ~~is arranged to print~~ prints a first background for one label and a different, second background for a second, subsequent label in a manner such that there is a region within which the first and second backgrounds meet to provide one of a blend between the first and second backgrounds and a boundary between the first and second backgrounds that is unclear; [[and]]

~~a cutter arranged to provide~~ the cutting mechanism provides a cut on either side of the region, wherein at least one of said cuts is a partial cut; and

wherein at least one of said at least one print heads is arranged to start printing an image on said image receiving medium on one side of a partial cut provided by said cutter and to continue printing on the other side of said partial cut.

49. (Currently amended) A printer as claimed in claim 48, wherein, when the label printer is operated, the at least one print head ~~is arranged to print~~ prints information on said region

between said first and second labels, wherein the information is one of a group of an indication of tape remaining in a cassette received in the printer, a serial number numbering a label in a series of labels, and an indication of where a tab cut is located.

50. (Currently amended) A printer as claimed in claim 48, wherein ~~at least one~~ both of said cuts ~~[[is-a]]~~ are partial ~~[[cut]]~~ cuts.

51. (Currently amended) A printer as claimed in claim 48, wherein ~~[[at least]]~~ one of said cuts is a full cut.

52. (Previously presented) A printer as claimed in claim 49, comprising a reverser arranged to reverse an image receiving medium on which the labels are arranged to be printed.

53. (Previously presented) A printer as claimed in claim 52, wherein said reverser is arranged to reverse the image receiving medium from the cutter to said at least one print head.

54 - 56. (Canceled)

57. (Previously presented) A printer as claimed in claim 48, wherein the at least one print head is arranged to print backgrounds on said first and second labels in different colors.

58. (Currently amended) A label printer for printing an image, said label printer comprising:
at least one print head; and

a cutting mechanism;

wherein, when the label printer is operated, the at least one print head ~~arranged to print~~
prints on a tape a first image for a first label and a second different image for a second label, said
first and second labels being adjacent, in a manner such that there is a region within which the
first and second images meet to provide one of a blend between the first and second images and a
boundary between the first and second images that is unclear; and

a cutter arranged to provide the cutting mechanism provides a cut on either side of ~~a the~~
region, wherein at least one of said cuts is a partial cut; and

wherein at least one of said at least one print heads is arranged to start printing an image
on said image receiving medium on one side of a partial cut provided by said cutter and to
continue printing on the other side of said partial cut.

59-68. (Cancelled)

69. (Currently amended) A printer as claimed in claim 58, wherein, when the label printer is
operated, the printer is arranged to print prints information to a user on the region.

70. (Previously presented) A printer as claimed in claim 69, wherein the information
comprises one or more of: an indication of an amount of tape remaining in a cassette, a serial
number numbering a label in a series of labels, and an indication of where a tab cut is located.

71. (Previously presented) A printer as claimed in claim 58, wherein one or both of the cuts
on either side of the region comprises a full cut.

72. (Previously presented) A printer as claimed in claim 58, wherein one or both of the cuts on either side of the region comprises a partial cut.

73. (Previously presented) A printer as claimed in claim 58, wherein the first image comprises a first background color, and the second different image comprises a different background color.

74. (New) A method of printing using a label printer, comprising:
printing on a tape a first image for a first label and a second different image for a second label, said first and second labels being adjacent, in a manner such that there is a region within which the first and second images meet to provide one of a blend between the first and second images and a boundary between the first and second images that is unclear; and

providing a cut on either side of the region, wherein at least one of said cuts is a partial cut;

wherein the printing comprises starting printing the second image on one side of said partial cut and continuing printing the second image on the other side of said partial cut.